

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-70, 72, and 74-88 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 72, 82, 85 and 88 being the independent claims. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 3, 4, 6-22, 24-35, 37-70, 78, and 79 remain allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the independent claims to advance prosecution in the application. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's rejection of the claims based on the '865 patent and reserves the right to pursue claims of different scope in a continuation application.

***Summary of Examiner Interview***

Applicant appreciates the time and attention of the Examiner during the personal interview with the undersigned conducted on March 14, 2006. During the interview the independent claims were discussed with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,564,865 to Jansson ("the '865 patent"). The term "interlocked" was discussed as it is recited in the independent claims. Applicant's representative proposed that the term interlocked can be defined, for example, as "locking together" or "to connect in a way so that no part can operate independently." Applicant's representative proposed claim language to more clearly define what is intended by the term "interlocked" as recited in the independent claims.

***Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)***

Claims 1, 2, 5, 23, 36, 72, 74-77, and 80-88 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the '865 patent. As discussed during the personal interview conducted on March 14, 2006, the '865 patent does not disclose or suggest mechanical interlocking between adjacent header units to resist relative movement between the adjacent header units in a plurality of directions and mechanical interlocking between a header unit and the base to resist relative

movement between the header unit and the base in a plurality of directions as recited in independent claims 1, 72, 82, 85 and 88.

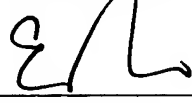
For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that the '865 patent does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims, or the claims depending therefrom. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

### ***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding objections and rejections. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that further personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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